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SUBJ: REPORT ON COSTA RICA'S PROGRESS TOWARD UNSC SEAT

1. AN UNATTRIBUTED PRESS REPORT IN LA REPUBLICA JULY 28 SPECULATED THAT THE CHANCES WERE GOOD THAT COSTA RICA WOULD FILL THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT TO BE VACATED BY PANAMA IN SEPTEMBER. THE REPORT, WHICH APPEARS TO BE BASED ON A BACKGROUND BRIEFING BY A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICIAL, POINTS OUT THAT THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SEAT WERE THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, JAMAICA AND COSTA RICA. HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE GOES ON, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FROM THE COMPETITION AND THAT COUNTRY'S PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR COSTA RICA, THERE ARE NOW 13 ASSURED VOTES FOR COSTA RICA'S CANDIDACY.

THESE ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORT ARE, IN ADDITION TO COSTA RICA'S OWN VOTE, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, CHILE, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND URUGUAY. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, JAMAICA HAS THE VOTES OF BARBADOS, GUYANA, MEXICO, PERU AND TRINIDAD, WHILE UNDECIDED ARE ARGENTINA, ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA; THE REPORT ADDS THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL MEET NEAR THE END OF AUGUST OR IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO MAKE THEIR

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CHOICE.

2. COSTA RICA'S CANDIDACY HAS NOT BEEN RAISED WITH EMBASSY.
SINCE IT MAY BE RAISED WITH US IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD APP-
RECIATE DEPT'S GUIDANCE AS TO USG POSITION AND RESPONSE (WHICH
WE ASSUME FOR MOMENT IS TRADITIONAL ONE THAT WE WILL SUPPORT LA
CAUCUS CHOICE), AS WELL AS ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND
GUIDANCE. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT/USUN ESTIMATE OF
SUPPORT FOR COSTA RICA AND JAMAICA.
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